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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ABOUT FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM LISTING

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 4353; (B) STATE 200072

1. U.S. BANKER IS CONFUSING THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY (OCC) IN THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. REF B SENT ALL POSTS EXPLAINS ACTIVITIES OF THE LATTER. U.S. BANK EXAMINERS FROM OCC HAVE CONSIDERABLE INDEPENDENCE. THEIR DETERMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN PRIVATE U.S. BANKS AND OCC. BANKERS SHOULD NOT DISCUSS WITH THIRD PARTIES.

2. COSTA RICA HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED BY OCC'S BANK EXAMINERS ON "SPECIAL MENTION LIST". LISTING IS BASED ON COUNTRY'S CONTINUED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, GROWING EXTERNAL DEBT, AND LOWER RESERVES. OCC IS AWARE OF RECENT MEASURES BUT BELIEVES COSTA RICA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE AT LEVEL WHICH MERITS "SPECIAL MENTION" CLASSIFICATION.

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3. BEING PLACED ON "SPECIAL MENTION LIST" MEANS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE FELT TO EXIST WHICH COULD REPEAT COULD LEAD TO A PROBLEM. THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THE COUNTRY IS A

SUBSTANDARD CREDIT RISK (ANOTHER OCC CLASSIFICATION), BUT THAT U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN THEIR LENDING ACTIVITIES THERE.

4. BANKS ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO COMPLY, BUT SAME BASIC ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH INFLUENCE BANK EXAMINERS' JUDGMENT USUALLY LEAD BANKS TO PRACTICE CONSERVATIVE POLICIES.

5. ABOVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS ONLY FOR EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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